

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form two $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ angle corners and one 45° angle corner, said member having a perpendicular height from one of said $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ angle corners to an opposite side edge in excess of 20 inches.

Claim 2 (original): The tool of claim 1 wherein said height is approximately 24 inches.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form three angle corners, one of said side edges extending between two of said corners having a notch in said one side edge that is closer to one of said two corners than the other of said two corners, and a plurality of laterally spaced apart elongated incremental angle slots in said member adjacent the side edge of said member opposite said one corner which terminate in spaced relation from the side edge opposite said one corner and extend in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge, said slots having straight sides uniformly spaced apart throughout their length.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The tool of claim 3 wherein one of said incremental angle slots is a 90° angle slot that extends in a direction perpendicular to said one side edge in alignment with said notch.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): The tool of claim 3 wherein said incremental angle slots are spaced 5° apart, further comprising at least one additional elongated angle slot between said 5° angle slots that extends in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The tool of claim 7 wherein an additional elongated angle slot is at 22½° as measured from said notch in a direction away from said one side edge, said additional elongated angle slot extending in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The tool of claim 7 wherein an additional elongated angle slot is at 67½° as measured from said notch in a direction away from said one side edge, said additional elongated angle slot extending in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The tool of claim 3 further comprising a triangular shaped slot in said member in close proximity to said notch having an acute angle corner facing said notch for latching one end of a string in said acute angle corner of said triangular shaped slot that has been pulled over said notch and one of said angle slots and through said triangular shaped slot.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The tool of claim 3 further comprising at least one rafter tail/ridge cut pattern formed in said one side edge in spaced relation from said notch, said pattern comprising two straight sides intersecting said one side edge and intersecting one another at 90°, one of said sides being shorter than the other side.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The tool of claim 3 wherein there are at least two rafter tail/ridge cut patterns formed in said one side edge in spaced relation from one another and from said notch, each of said patterns comprising two straight sides intersecting said one side edge and intersecting one another at 90°, one of said sides of each of said patterns being shorter than the other side.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The tool of claim 12 wherein one of said patterns is a 4 and 12 pitch pattern, and another of said patterns is a 6 and 12 pitch pattern.

Claims 14-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): The tool of claim 3 further comprising a pivot point receiving hole in said member adjacent one of said corners and a plurality of incrementally spaced marker receiving holes in said member in incremental spaced relation from said pivot point hole for drawing different diameter circles by rotating said tool about a pivot point extending through said pivot point hole using a marker extending through one of said marker receiving holes, said pivot point receiving hole and said marker receiving holes being in a common plane in parallel spaced relation to said one side edge.

Claims 20-28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (previously presented): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form three angle corners, one of said side edges extending between two of said corners having a notch in said one side edge that is closer to one of said two corners than the other of said two corners, and a plurality of laterally spaced apart elongated incremental angle slots in said member adjacent the side edge of said member opposite said one corner that extend in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge, said member having two $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ angle corners and one 45° angle corner, said one side edge extending between said 45° angle corner and one of said $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ angle corners, and said notch in said one side edge being closer to said one $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ angle corner than the intersection of a line extending perpendicular from the other of said $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ angle corners with said one side edge.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form three angle corners, one of said side edges extending between two of said corners having a notch in said one side edge that is closer to one of said two corners than the other of said two corners, a plurality of laterally spaced apart elongated incremental angle slots in said member adjacent the side edge of said member opposite said one corner that extend in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge, and at least two rafter tail/ridge cut patterns formed in said one side edge in spaced relation from one another and from said notch, each of said patterns comprising two straight sides intersecting said one side edge and intersecting one another at a 90° angle, one of said sides of each of said patterns being shorter than the other side, and elongated angled slots in said member that extend in a direction in alignment with the respective short side of each of said patterns.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form three angle corners, one of said side edges extending between two of said corners having a notch in said one side edge that is closer to one of said two corners than the other of said two corners, a plurality of laterally spaced apart elongated incremental angle slots in said member adjacent the side edge of said member opposite said one corner that extend in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge, and tread and riser slots in said member extending at 90° relative to one another,

said tread and riser slots having inner ends terminating in closely spaced relation from one another, and outer ends terminating in a plane parallel to said one side edge.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The tool of claim 31 wherein said tread slot has a length of 10 inches and said riser slot has a length of 7 inches.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The tool of claim 31 further comprising a hole in said member in the same plane in which the outer ends of said tread and riser slots terminate, said hole being spaced from said outer end of said riser slot a distance corresponding to the distance between the outer ends of said tread and riser slots.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form three angle corners, one of said side edges extending between two of said corners having a notch in said one side edge that is closer to one of said two corners than the other of said two corners, and a plurality of laterally spaced apart elongated incremental angle slots in said member adjacent the side edge of said member opposite said one corner that extend in a direction in radial alignment with said notch in said one side edge, and a plurality of elongated spaced apart parallel stud layout slots in said member extending in a direction perpendicular to said one side edge.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The tool of claim 34 wherein one of said stud layout slots is in alignment with said notch.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The tool of claim 35 wherein another of said stud layout slots is spaced 16 inches from said one stud layout slot for use of said stud layout slots to make a 16 inch stud layout.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The tool of claim 35 wherein there are two additional stud layout slots located on opposite sides of said one stud layout slot.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The tool of claim 37 wherein one of said additional stud layout slots is spaced 16 inches from one side of said one stud layout slot, and the other of said additional stud layout slots is spaced 8 inches from another side of said one stud layout slot for use of said one stud layout slot and said one additional stud layout slot in laying out studs on 16 inch centers, and for use of both of said additional stud layout slots in laying out studs on 24 inch centers.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A combination layout tool comprising a triangular shaped member having three side edges that intersect at opposite ends to form three angle corners, tread and riser slots in said member extending at 90° relative to one another, said tread and riser slots having inner ends terminating in closely spaced relation from one another, and outer ends terminating in a plane parallel to one of said side edges, and a hole in said member in the same plane in which the outer ends of said tread and riser slots terminate, said hole being spaced from said outer end of said riser slot a distance corresponding to the distance between the outer ends of said tread and riser slots.